

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Cabinet

19th January 2011

Worcestershire Local Transport Plan 3 Response

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Cllr Jill Dyer
Relevant Head of Service	Ruth Bamford - Head of Planning and Regeneration
Non-Key Decision	

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

- 1.1 Bromsgrove District Council and Redditch Borough Council's response to Worcestershire Local Transport Plan No.3 (LTP3) is supportive of the content put forward in the Document and raises a number of questions for Worcestershire County Council (WCC) to consider when developing the emerging draft plan.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Cabinet is asked to endorse the responses prepared to the Worcestershire Local Transport Plan No. 3, as detailed in the Appendix to the report.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Worcestershire County Council has started to develop their Third Local Transport Plan (LTP3). This LTP will cover a fifteen year period (2011-2026), following amendments to the Transport Act 2008 which allows greater flexibility in the way that the LTP is developed and delivered.
- 3.2 The plan will focus on attracting and supporting economic investment, growth, delivering transport infrastructure and services to tackle congestion and improving quality of life. It will support the Worcestershire Partnership and be consistent with Worcestershire's Sustainable Community Strategy and emerging District Core Strategies, responding to the strategic objectives of the economy, community, climate change and reducing deprivation.
- 3.3 The LTP3 will provide the policy and strategy context for Worcestershire's major transport projects and enable the County Council to bid for additional Government funding over the next 15 years. It will also help to secure funds from development and ensure these are properly used to improve the efficiency of the County's transport networks.
- 3.4 The first consultation stage took place over the summer of 2010. A draft set of transport policies were produced in light of the approved LTP3 objectives. These covered a number of topics, including walking, cycling and passenger transport. The policies were produced for a range of transport topics and

were put to key stakeholders. Worcestershire's Transport Policy and Strategy Team carried out an analysis of all of the consultation responses and made changes to the draft policies in light of the comments received. These amended policies are included as part of the Stage 2 consultation, which involves stakeholders and members of the public, and it is this consultation stage that this report refers to.

4. KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 In general terms Officers are supportive of the content put forward in the Worcestershire Local Transport Plan No.3.
- 4.2 In the response to the document Officers have raised a number of concerns which need to be addressed by the County Council through the emerging plan before it is adopted. Key issues that have been raised include:
- i) The need to define the role of the emerging Local Enterprise Partnership in securing funding;
 - ii) How infrastructure needs will affect growth figures and a request that the Council works with WCC to determine whether infrastructure requirements will limit growth;
 - iii) When will a clear Delivery Plan will be published to support the document, as this is essential to deliver the projects within the Local Transport Plan.
- 4.3 Bromsgrove District Council Officers support the improvements highlighted as part of the North East Worcestershire Transport Strategy.
- This support is particularly endorsed for developments within Bromsgrove Town Centre, including; junction improvements and highway alterations to reduce the impacts of congestion and public realm enhancements. Further to that the delivery of the Bromsgrove Rail Interchange and promotion of enhanced rail services is also supported.
- 4.4 Officers have also recommended to WCC that the links particularly by public transport between the Town Centre, Railway station and the proposed expansion sites to the north and west of the Town which have been highlighted as Bromsgrove's priorities by the District's LSP, emerging Core Strategy and Town Centre AAP should be highlighted and prioritised more specifically in the LTP3.

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- 4.5 The response to the Worcestershire Local Transport Plan has been produced jointly with Redditch Borough Council; this is because Bromsgrove and Redditch have been considered jointly as part of the North East Worcestershire section within the area profile. It is also considered more efficient and cost effective to produce one joint response.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 None

7. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The Local Transport Plan is produced by Worcestershire County Council. It is necessary for all policy produced as part of Bromsgrove District Council's Local Development Framework to be in general conformity with Policy produced by Worcestershire County Council. The final version of the LTP3 will inform Policy development of the Local Development Framework and therefore it is essential to ensure that the Council feeds into the preparation of these documents.

8. COUNCIL OBJECTIVES

- 8.1 Policies in the LTP3 directly or indirectly support the following council objectives.

CO1 Regeneration- priorities Town Centre, Economic Development

CO3 One Community- priorities One Community, Housing

CO4 Environment- priority Climate Change

9. RISK MANAGEMENT INCLUDING HEALTH & SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

- 9.1 The main risk associated with the details of this report is the inability to influence the content of the LTP3 and as a result hamper the ability to produce a Development Plan Document which is judged to be justified and effective by the Planning Inspectorate, and therefore resulting in a non legally compliant Strategic planning service.
- 9.2 These risks are being managed as follows:

- Non legally compliant Strategic Planning service
Risk Register: *Planning and Regeneration*
Key Objective Ref No: 4
Key Objective: Effective, efficient and legally compliant Strategic Planning Service

10. CUSTOMER IMPLICATIONS

10.1 None

11. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

11.1 None

12. VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS, PROCUREMENT AND ASSET MANAGEMENT

12.1 None

13. CLIMATE CHANGE, CARBON IMPLICATIONS AND BIODIVERSITY

13.1 Worcestershire Local Transport Plan No.3 seeks to ensure a modal shift away from the private car to more sustainable modes of transport, this will result in reduced carbon emissions and therefore a reduction in the districts contribution to climate change, The Plan also seeks a move towards environmentally friendly vehicles.

14. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

14.1 None

15. GOVERNANCE/PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

15.1 None

16. COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS INCLUDING SECTION 17 OF CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998

16.1 None

17. HEALTH INEQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

17.1 None

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18. LESSONS LEARNT

18.1 None

19. COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

19.1 None

20. OTHERS CONSULTED ON THE REPORT

Portfolio Holder	Yes
Chief Executive	Yes
Executive Director (S151 Officer)	Yes
Executive Director – Leisure, Cultural, Environmental and Community Services	Yes
Executive Director – Planning & Regeneration, Regulatory and Housing Services	Yes
Director of Policy, Performance and Partnerships	Yes
Head of Service	Yes
Head of Resources	Yes
Head of Legal, Equalities & Democratic Services	Yes
Corporate Procurement Team	Yes

21. WARDS AFFECTED

All Wards

22. APPENDICES

Bromsgrove District Council's response to LTP3

23. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Draft Worcestershire Local Transport Plan 2011 – 2026.
Draft Worcestershire Local Transport Plan 2011 – 2026 individual Policy Documents (13 separate documents).

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